

# TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

Main clergy contacts are listed on page 2; other contact information, including for churchwardens and other officers, is available in the *Benefice Magazine* and on the Team website [www.dorchesteranglican.info](http://www.dorchesteranglican.info) where you will find links to church Facebook pages and the **online version of the *Benefice Magazine***. November magazine is now available in churches. Parish Office: [dorchesterpcc@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterpcc@gmail.com)

**St Peter's Church** Under current lockdown rules no services other than funerals are permitted but St Peter's Church will be open **daily from 10.00 - 4.00**.

'When we had time to stand and stare', the St Peter's Lockdown Anthology is now available. Please contact Jill Bryant, 1 St Thomas Road, DT1 2PA or [Jill.bryant@hotmail.com](mailto:Jill.bryant@hotmail.com) to order your copy/copies. They are £2.50 each and all proceeds will be going to St Peter's Church.

## **St Mary's Church**

Sadly there will be no further services at St Mary's at the moment, and the church will not be open until we get further Government approval. However, St Peter's is open daily from 10am -4pm for private prayer.

Our **Gift-Day** was very well supported with **£8,671** raised, including the reclaimable gift aid, which will help St Mary's through this extremely difficult time. Donations can still be sent to John Heath, our Treasurer, at Flat 18, Copper Crescent, Brewery Sq, Dorchester DT1 1GL. Please make cheques payable to St Mary's Church Council.

**St George's Church** Our private worship for St Georges:  
**Wednesdays 8.30am-4pm**

For the next few weeks we will be sending via Facebook our Sunday messages, as we did before. Thank you to Lucy for doing this for us once again.  
Rev'd Reji Raj-Singh.

**The amount given to Gift Day this year totalled £2910**, which is £500 more than last year. Many thanks to members for these helpful contributions.

## **St Andrew's Church**

With the new lockdown, the Church will be open for private prayer on **Wednesdays and Sundays from 10.00am until 4.00pm** until we are able to start Sunday services again

## **St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton**

Holy Communion service on the first Sunday of the month at 11.15am

**A Virtual service from the Winterbournes at 10am using ZOOM**  
email [jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk) if you want to join.

# Pews News

## 22nd November 2020

### Christ the King



*Mosaic over portal to Basilica San Marco - Venice*

### **Collect**

*Eternal Father,*

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Readings**

**Christ the King** – Isaiah 4.2-5.7; Luke 19.29-38; Ephesians.1.15-end;  
Matthew 25.31-end

**Advent Sunday** – Isaiah 2.1-5; Luke 12.35-48; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9;  
Mark 13.24-end

## A Reflection and Prayer for Christ the King

*Alan Woods*

When we think of a King or Queen we usually take as our image what we have seen in our experience. Well dressed people, wanting for nothing with servants to care for them and ensure they project the right image to their subjects.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We celebrate Christ, risen, ascended and glorified. We give thanks to God for all he has done for us through Jesus and for the difference Jesus makes to our lives. So we need to ask what sort of Kingship is it that we're celebrating? Think for a moment of Christ in his last hours on the cross.

The picture is certainly not what we would expect to see illustrating kingship, power and authority. Here are no fine robes but a naked and scarred body. His crown has no jewels, only vicious thorns. On his hands there are no rings of power, just the nails which fix him to a wooden cross – no golden throne. There are no courtiers or servants around him – just two criminals sharing his fate and an assorted crowd of soldiers and ghoulish spectators who taunt and mock him.

But before we turn away from this ghastly picture of cruelty and humiliation we see the words "This is the King of the Jews" and we hear the voice of an unlikely believer "remember me when you come into your kingdom". Someone here has caught a glimpse of the glory that is hidden by the awfulness of this torture. And we hear another voice, the voice of authority coming from the defeat of the cross, "Today you will be with me in Paradise".

We heard the voices of mockery and hate and now we hear the voices of faith and compassion and it makes us stop and wonder.

Is it possible that in this picture we are getting a glimpse of the sort kingship that can meet our deepest inner needs, the needs we sometimes can't even face ourselves and which certainly aren't met by the rulers of this world?

Here is a King who is prepared to suffer alongside us. This is not a King who holds himself aloof from ordinary folk. This is a King who experiences betrayal, savage injustice, brutal cruelty and utter humiliation and yet maintains his dignity and integrity. This is a King who has lived life as we live it, who has died as we must die but who now lives a new resurrection life. He reassures us and welcomes us into that same resurrection life in his Kingdom where we will know the peace and healing for which we have longed.

The picture of Kingship in the bible turns traditional kingship upside down. It reaches out to us calling us to offer ourselves to Christ the King and then perhaps we can sense what a difference this would make to our lives especially in these times of uncertainty.

Remember the words of the hymn written by George Herbert: -  
Teach me my God and King,  
in all things thee to see;  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Please pray for Keith and Ruth Magee as Rev'd Keith prepares to begin his ministry as Team Rector of Dorchester and the Winterbournes today Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Among those in special need: Rev'd Andrew Mackenzie, Julian Cherryson, Hilary Morley, Pam Wheatley, Alison, Caroline and Neil, Abigail Craddock, Jean Baker, Johanna Benjafield, Christine Peake, Emma Foxwell, David Dunford, Linda Blundell, Brenda Knight, Tom Goss, Marion Tait, Hugo Lord, Brianna & Braxton. *(To add or remove names in this list, please contact: Canon John Wood 01305 268749)*

*Remember also all who are cared for by Dorset County Hospital, in our community hospitals and hospice and all who are caring for them and working to address their needs; especially pray for all who are suffering from or are affected by COVID-19, and those working to develop identification, treatment and cure.*

**Among those who have recently died:** Olive Payton, Nicola Chittenden, Iris Clark, Graham Curtis.

**Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Bert Mayo.

**The licensing of our new Team Rector, the Rev'd Keith Magee** will go ahead as planned at St Peter's Church today **Sunday 22nd November** at 3pm. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Salisbury, and only 5 others will attend – the Archdeacon, St Peter's Churchwardens, Patron's representative and Keith. The service will be streamed so that it can be seen as a public service – and so that many of us can participate at home! **The following link will take you to the live streaming of the service:**

<http://dorchesteranglican.info/live>

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